ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A display apparatus includes display pixels each having a thin film transistor and an EL element formed successively forming over a substrate. The EL element has a cathode electrode connected to the source of the thin film transistor and an anode electrode, and is driven by the thin film transistor. The EL element externally emits light from the reverse side of the substrate. For example, when the cathode electrode is formed the comblike, meshlike, or gridlike pattern on the luminous layer, the light is emitted through the slits of the cathode pattern. The display apparatus is provided that can improve the aperture ratio of a display pixel and can increase the degree of freedom in deciding the size and the drive capability of a TFT element which drives an EL element.